In the Claims:

1.(original) A method of preparation of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, comprising the addition of a fragrance to a particulate carrier material in the presence of a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal.

2.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:1 to 1:20.

3.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 20:1 to 1.5:1.

4.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 in which the particulate carrier is fine, porous silica, optionally replaced to a maximum of 50% by weight of other absorbent particulate materials.

5.(original) A free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, consisting essentially of a particulate carrier on which is deposited a fragrance and a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal, the composition comprising at least 60% by weight of water-soluble salt and 20% maximum by weight of particulate carrier, and the ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance being from 20:1 to 1.5:1.

6.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

7.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

8.(previously presented) A method of providing a fragrance to a substrate during washing or rinsing, comprising the adding to the wash or rinse water of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition according to claim 5.

9.(previously presented) A method according to claim 2, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20.

10.(previously presented) A method according to claim 9, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20.

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12.(previously presented) A method according to claim 3, in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

13.(previously presented) A method according to claim 12 in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

14.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

15.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 14, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

16.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 15, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:8 to 1:15, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

17.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

18.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 7, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20 and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

19.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 18, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20 and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

20.(previously presented) A method of providing a fragrance to a substrate during washing or rinsing, comprising the adding to the wash or rinse water of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition according to claim 6.

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